AROUND THE WORLD.

Experiences of an American Bicyclist-Through the Sivas Valayet.

Soon after leaving Koehne my attertion is attracted by a small cluster of civilized-looking tents, pitched on the bank of a running stream near the road, and from whence issues the joyous sounds of mirth and music. The road continues ridable, and I am wheeling leisurely along, hesitating about whether to go and investigate or not, when a number of persons, in holiday attire, present themselves outside the tents, and by shouting and gesturing, invite me to pay them a visit. It turns out to be a reunion of the Yuzgat branch of the Pampasian-Pamparsan family-an Armenian name, whose representatives in Armenia and Anatolia. & appears, correspond in comparative numerical importance to the great and illustrious Smiths in the United States, and following-doubtless, more properly, settinga worthy example. They likewise have their periodical reunions, where they eat drink, spin yarns, sing and twang the tuneful lyre in frolicsome consciousness of always having a howling majority over their less prolific neighbors.

Refreshments in abandance are tendered, and the usual pantomimic explanations exchanged between us; some of the men have been honoring the joyful occasion by a liberal patronage of the flowing bowl, and are already mildly hilarious; stringed instruments are twanged by the musical members of the great family, while several others, misinterpreting the inspiration of raki punch for terpsichorean talent are prancing' wildly about the tent. Middleaged matrons are here in plenty, housewifely persons finding their chief enjoyment in catering to the gastronomic pleasures of others; while a score or, two of blooming maidens stand coyly aloof, watching the festive merry-makings of men; their heads, and necks are respiendent with bands and necklaces of gold coins; it still being a custom of the east to let the female members of a family wear the surplus wealth about them in the shape of gold ornaments and jewels, a custom resulting from the absence of safe investments and the

unstability of national affairs. Yuzgat enjoys among neighboring cities a reputation for beautiful women, and this auspicious occasion gives me an excellent opportunity for drawing my own conclusions; it is not fair, perhap to pass judgment on Yuzgat's pretensions by the damsels of one family, but still they ought to be at least a fair average. They have beautiful large black eyes, and usually a luxurient head of hair; but their faces are, on the whole, babyish and expressionless. The Yuzgat maiden of sweet 16 is a coy, babyish creature, possessed of a certain dolllike prettiness, but at 23 she is a rapidly fading flower, and at 30 is already beginning to get wrinkled and old. Happening to fall in with this festive gathering this morning is quite a gratifying and enlivening surprise; beside the music and dancing and a substantial breakfast of chicken, boiled mutton and rice pillau, it gives an opportunity of witnessing an American family reunion under primitive condi-

Watching over this peaceful and gamboling flock of Armenian lambkins is a lone Circassian watch dog; he is of a stalwart, warlike appearance; and although wearing no arms-except a cavalry sword, a shorter broad sword, a dragoon revolver, a two-foot horse pistol in it. There are what they call pomace and a double barrelled shotgun slung at his back-the Armenians seemed to feel perfectly safe under his protection. They probably don't require any such proection realty; they are nevertheless wise employing a Circassian to guard them, if nothing else, for the sake of freeing their own unwarlike minds of all disquieting apprehensions, and enjoying their family reunion in the calm atmosphere of perfect security; some law-

less party/passing along the road might peradventure drop in and abuse their hospitality, or partaking too freely of raki, make themselves obnoxious, were they unprotected; but with one Circassian patrolling the camp, they are doubly sure against anything of the

Artificially Made Quinine.

A London paper conveys the information that Dr. Cresswell Hewett; of Lincoln's-inn-fields, had discovered the synthetical or artificial mode of making quinine, by which the price of that drug will be reduced to something like 3d per ounce. The importance of this discovery (which was made through the accidental breaking of a medicine bottle), is rendered greater by the fact that while hitherto we have been depending for our quinine on the cultivation of the cinchona tree, from whose bark only about 2 per cent. of good quinine can be extracted, 98 per cent. being valueless; the drug can now be manufactured without limit by a very simple process from an article which can always be got in abundance in any part of the world.

A few days ago Dr. Hewitt submitted a sample of his preparations to Messrs. Howard & Sons, quinine manufacturers, Stratford, who have expressed surprise at the result of their analysis, the sample being equal to the best quinine in the market. The discoverer is about to communicate with the government, who annually spend in India alone about 60,000 pounds sterling in the cultivation

The Fine Old English Walter. In London the scores of taverns where they point you out Johnson's favorite corner or Goldsmith's pet seat, the dozens of chop-houses which Dickens or Thackeray patronized, the divers resorts where they show Tennyson's clay pipes or the pewter Mr. Justice Harleigh used to drink his pint of mild and bitter out of long after he reached the benchthese sanctuaries of an age gone by still hold their own with the restaurant and counter lunch, but it is in London and with difficulty even there. As we have had our strike here, the old English waiters of these old taverns are on strike just now in London. The strikers there have their committees as ours have, hold meetings and draw up a protest setting forth the wrongs of the tribe and suggesting the remedy. Low wages, long hours, the despotism of the head waiters, the exclusion from profitable interest in extra tips make up the lamentable category of ills under which the swallow-tailed, army profess to groan that the greatest affliction is the intr 'sion

tive will know why. The fact is the fine old English waiter, with his slouch, his bunions, his slowtress, his stupidity and his insolence, finds himself in danger of such extinction as befell the British black rat when the continental rodent contrived to ef-

of the foreigner. He must goor the na-

fect a landing in British sewers. Nor is there much sympathy, especially among the crowd of American customers, for the home-born knights of the napkin. Alphonse and Frank and Louis and Hendrick, Frenchman, German, Swiss or Swede, is more neat-handed, more alert, infinitely more civil and immeasurably less expectant than the insular rival who is now rising in protest against him-New York World.

Old-Time Congressional Squabbles. On one occasion there was a corre spondence indicating a duel between Daniel Webster and John Randolph, but the hostile meeting was prevented by the interposition of friends, Senator Benton taking an active part as peacemaker. Randolph's arrogant and insulting manner was always leading him into difficulties, which frequently resulted in an order for "pistols for two and coffee for one," yet he was no shot. When he was about to fight Representative Eppes, of Virginia, Gen. Breckenridge undertook to superintend his practice, and said to Mr. Crawford, of Georgia, who was to be his second on the field; "By all means arrange the matter, for Mr. Randolph

can't hit a barn door. When Randolph exchanged shots with Henry Clay, and they shook hands after the first fire, Randolph jocosely observed, pointing to a hole made by the bullet in his flannel dressing gown: "Mr. Clay, you owe me a gown." Clay promptly replied, with his usual smile: "I am glad, Mr. Randolph, that I am not deeper in your debt." In one of Mr. Calhoun's earlier speeches in congress he criticised Mr. Randolph for his "audacity in comparing himself to the great Lord Chatham." Mr. Randolph modestly disclaimed the pretension, but added: "In one thing we are alike. Every scoundrel assails me," and as he spoke he pointed his long index finger at Mr. Calhoun.-Ben: Perley Poore. How Chinese Leather Is Made.

The process by which Chinese leather acquires its peculiar characteristics is described as follows: The skins are put into tubs containing water, saltpetre and salt, and after thirty days, are taken out, the hair is shaved off, and the skins well washed in spring water; each hide is then cut into three pieces and well steamed, which is done by passing them several times backward and forward over a steaming oven-further, each piece is stretched out separately over a flat board and secured with nails, so as to dry gradually and thoroughly in the sun. The smoke of the oven makes the leather black, and if it is desired to have it of a yellow appearance, it is rubbed over with water in which the fruit of the so-called worgchee tree has been soaked. Of the offal glue is made by heating it in pans for twelve hours over a slow fire, and the glue so obtained is poured into rough earthen vessels, where it remains three days in order to coagulate; the solid mass is cut into pieces with sharp knives and carefully laid upon grating-like trays to dry-the time taken in drying varying from five days with a northwest wind to thirty or forty with a southwest. -Boston Tran-

Rambles About a Fishing Port. In my vacation rambles I happened in the town of Eastport, Me. It is a fishing port, as any one would know by the smell, which stays with you all the while you are there and comes home with you. It is the kind of smell you can cut with a knife, but there is money mills there, which take the heads and refuse of herring and press oil out of them. The remainder of the herring is made into sardines. Eastport is the great "sardine" packing place of this country. They catch herring in weirs. I was told by one man that he had taken 100 hogsheads of herring out of his weir in one night. He got \$2 for a

The herring's power of propagation is marvelous. They are scooped out of the weirs like sand and decapitated by the billion. By canning and smoking in summer and freezing in the winter enough herring are preserved in that vicinity almost to fill the bed of the East river between the bridge piers i the water was drained out. And yet the schools each year seem as darge as ever. A dealer told me that he saw no signs of the herring giving out. The herring is the silliest of fish, He goes into a weir through a wide door, and might easily go out through the same opening. Once inside, however, he swims around and around in circles, and is frightened by the waving of the weir brush in the water from approaching the sides. So he stays in and is lost .-New York News "Wayside Notes."

Facts About Artichokes. The artichoke, which originally came from Barbary, is not a botanical species, but a variety of the thistle, which grows spontaneously all along the African coast of the Mediterranean from Morocco to Palestine. It is now cultivated extensively in France, where those which come from Brittany and Algeria are the species most highly esteemed. Even of these there are many varieties, such as the Camus artichoke of Brittany, the bronzed artichoke of Roscoff, the big green artichoke of Laon and the violet artichoke of Provence. There are also varieties which come from Italy, Spain, India and Canada, to say nothing of the Jerusalem artichoke, famous for the enormous size of its leaves.

In the south of France, when the crop is abundant, the heads are carefully picked of all their leaves and the "hearts' dried in the sun are put up in sacks and stored away for winter use. These earts when boiled in water, or in a rich beef broth, become soft and recover their form, color and flavor. They are then taken from the pot, the water and broth strained away, the center is filled with forced meat and they are then either fried or baked. The heads with their pale green, long, narrow and pointed leaves clustered around the top of a tall stalk give the plant a very clegant appearance. Each head, if allowed to mature, bears a purple, violet flower, which give a great richness of color to a field of antichokes. - Paris Letter.

Sympathetic Ink.

An ordinary solution of gum camphor in whisky is said to be a permanent and excellent sympathetic ink. The writing must be done very rapidly, as the first letters of a word have disappeared by the time the last are written. Dipping the paper in water brings it out distinctly, and it becomes invisible again when the paper is dried. It can be brought out repeatedly without affecting its vividness. - Philadelphia Call.

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-William H. Hayne in Home Journal. DISORDERS OF DIGESTION.

notional Dyspepsia-Passive Exercise and Abundant Feeding-"Fuel." Biliousness and melancholy, dyspepsia and morbidness, are sisters, and they grope along hand in hand. "Half the unhappiness in the world proceeds from little stoppages, from a duct choked," writes Sydney Smith. Then the cleverest of men tells how a friend from eating a lobster saw everything in black, and how toasted cheese severed an old friendship. It is a nervous disturbance which takes place, and in ligestion and irritability are the resultants. There is a disease perfectly well defined called emotional dyspepsia.

In treating of the disorders of digestion, Dr. Brunton pays a merited compliment to Dr. Weir-Mitchell, of Philadelphia, and his book on "Fat and Blood and How to Make Them." Dr. Mitchell's principle of restoring health is that of passive exercise and abundant feeding. The manner in which Dr. Weir-Mitchell brings about a marvellous result is as follows: Active exercise increases the appetite. If tissue changes can be rapidly carried on, and the waste driven off, then more food will be necessarily wanted. But there are many feeble, flabby persons who cannot take exercise, or if they can, have no will power. The muscular exercise if given then to the patient by massage: Under such treatment Dr. Brunton shows by illustrations the case of a man who, a living skelton, was in six weeks so metamorphosed that he might have joined "a Highland regiment

and worn a kilt without being ashamed." With all the care and attention paid to food and drink what is the use of all without exercise? It was Lord Palmerston who said: "The outside of a horse is the best thing for the inside of a man." A good trot is the best of all stimulants, or if not a trot on a horse a walk with one's legs. We all of us, after a certain age, start in the wrong direction in buildand keep up the blaze by pouring the fuel on the top, as would a child. The combustion must begin lower down, and if we want to have the fire bright and clear, the draught must come from the bottom, and that draught is exercise. As to the putting on of the fuel, we must, when age comes, be careful as to that or we will smother up the blaze by piling on too much coal, and now comes in use discrimination as to both the quantity and quality of that fuel. - Boston Budget.

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